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## Cedar Breaks National Monument News Release

For Immediate Release

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### “Looking Back...Looking Forward”

**Cedar Breaks National Monument, Utah.** Cedar Breaks National Monument will be celebrating 75 years of being a National Monument in our National Parks Service. The celebration will be held August 22, 23 and 24, 2008.

Cedar Breaks will be hosting a variety of activities and events on Friday, Saturday and Sunday for everyone to enjoy. There will a dinner and program Friday evening hosted at the Iron Mission museum. On Saturday there will be a formal program as well as free family fun activities happening from 10 AM to 5PM. (See the schedule of events). Join in the celebration at the unveiling of a new “way-side” station to commemorate the location of the original Cedar Breaks Lodge. Get the first glimpse of the new interactive exhibit. Watch a rehabilitated Golden Eagle be released back into the wild. During the festivities, you can learn what it was like to be a “Gear Jammer” and meet face-to-face with historical figures who played vital roles in making our National Parks *your* playground.

#### Schedule of Events

##### August 22, 2008 – Friday

**Remember the famous chicken dinner** of the former Cedar Breaks Lodge. Join past park employees and swap stories of “The Breaks”. Come look back and share the memories of the past. 6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.

**Dinner held at the Iron Mission Museum.** The cost for the dinner is \$12/person. A reservation needs to be made with Bonnie at the Iron County Visitor Center at (435) 586-5124.

##### August 23, 2008 – Saturday

10:00 A.M.	Welcome – Cedar Breaks Visitor Center – Interactive exhibit
11:00 A.M.	Way side unveiling – “Looking back” -Tribute to Cedar Breaks Lodge (a shuttle will be provided from the Cedar Breaks Visitor Center parking lot)
12 NOON	Release of rehabilitated golden eagle back into the wild Cedar Breaks Visitor Center
12:30 – 2:00 P.M.	Box lunch – Famous Chicken Picnic – available for purchase at Cedar Breaks Visitor Center (Please pre-order by calling Bonnie with the Iron County Visitors Center at (435) 586.5124)
2:00 P.M.	“Sing – Away” program “Canyon View HS Madrigal Choir” (Cedar Breaks Visitor Center parking lot)

1:00 – 3:00 P.M.

History Walks / Tour of the Breaks – formal guided tours via shuttle bus  
(Shuttle bus tours will begin at the Visitor Center parking lot)

- see where the Lodge used to sit in the meadow
- join past park employees as they tell what it was like to work and live at Cedar Breaks
- see the old “CCC Camp”
- Learn of Minnie’s Mansion

1:00 – 5:00 P.M.

Family FUN – “Looking Back -Looking Forward” – special activities and walks throughout the day. Make your own memories at Cedar Breaks.  
(Cedar Breaks Visitor Center)

- Junior Ranger Activities
- Family Friendly / Eco-themed projects

EVENING  
8:00 P.M.

Bonfire and S’mores Brian Head Pavilion

- Honor the tradition of “Minnie’s Mansion”
- Come sit around the campfire – roast marshmallows
- Sing your favorite silly camp songs
- Guest guitarist - Matt Nickerson

#### **August 24, 2008 - Sunday**

- Take a Sunday drive and see the new way side station commemorating Cedar Breaks Lodge
- Be one of the first to experience the NEW interactive exhibit
- Take the GPS Ranger Tour of Cedar Breaks
- Junior Ranger activities

To volunteer to help with this fabulous event please contact: Bonnie with the Iron County Visitor Center at (435) 586-5124.

Cedar Breaks National Monument is located 23 miles east of Cedar City, along Highway 148 between Highway 14 and Brian Head. The park entrance fee will be waived for the 3 days of this celebration.

Updated 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary activities and more are available for downloading at the Cedar Breaks National Monument website: Schedules and events are also available at the Visitor Center and at the Monument’s administrative office in Cedar City which is located at 2390 W. HWY 56 Suite #11. Call 435-586-0787 or 435-586-9451 for more information.

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